

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TOMAMEX TIJUANA, INC., a California  
Corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

CINTAS CORPORATION, a Washington  
Corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. 09CV 2842 MMA (RBB)

**PROTECTIVE ORDER AS MODIFIED  
BY THE COURT**

Courtroom: B

Judge: Hon. Ruben B. Brooks

Pretrial Conference: April 18, 2011

Trial: May 24, 2011

AND RELATED CROSS-ACTION.

The Court recognizes that at least some of the documents and information (“materials”) being sought through discovery in the above-captioned action are, for competitive reasons, normally kept confidential by the parties. The parties have agreed to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order (“Order”) in this action.

The materials to be exchanged throughout the course of the litigation between the parties may contain trade secret or other confidential research, technical, cost, price, marketing or other commercial information, as is contemplated by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c)(7). The purpose of this Order is to protect the confidentiality of such materials as much as practical during the litigation.

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1 THEREFORE:

2 **DEFINITIONS**

3 1. The term “Confidential Information” will mean and include information contained or  
4 disclosed in any materials, including documents, portions of documents, answers to interrogatories,  
5 responses to requests for admissions, trial testimony, deposition testimony, and transcripts of trial  
6 testimony and depositions, including data, summaries, and compilations derived therefrom that is  
7 deemed to be Confidential Information by any party to which it belongs.

8 2. The term “materials” will include, but is not be limited to: documents; correspondence;  
9 memoranda; bulletins; blueprints; specifications; customer lists or other material that identify  
10 customers or potential customers; price lists or schedules or other matter identifying pricing; minutes;  
11 telegrams; letters; statements; cancelled checks; contracts; invoices; drafts; books of account;  
12 worksheets; notes of conversations; desk diaries; appointment books; expense accounts; recordings;  
13 photographs; motion pictures; compilations from which information can be obtained and translated  
14 into reasonably usable form through detection devices; sketches; drawings; notes (including laboratory  
15 notebooks and records); reports; instructions; disclosures; other writings; models and prototypes and  
16 other physical objects.

17 3. The term “counsel” will mean outside counsel of record, and other attorneys,  
18 paralegals, secretaries, and other support staff employed in the law firms identified below:

- 19 a. Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLP  
20 b. Keating, Muething & Klekamp, PLL, and  
21 c. Hosey & Bahrambeygui LLP

22 **GENERAL RULES**

23 4. Each party to this litigation that produces or discloses any materials, answers to  
24 interrogatories, responses to requests for admission, trial testimony, deposition testimony, and  
25 transcripts of trial testimony and depositions, or information that the producing party believes should  
26 be subject to this Protective Order may designate the same as “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
27 “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY.”

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1           a.       Designation as “CONFIDENTIAL”: Any party may designate information as  
2 “CONFIDENTIAL” only if, in the good faith belief of such party and its counsel, the unrestricted  
3 disclosure of such information could be potentially prejudicial to the business or operations of such  
4 party.

5           b.       Designation as “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY”: Any party may  
6 designate information as “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY” only if, in the good faith  
7 belief of such party and its counsel, the information is among that considered to be most sensitive by  
8 the party, including but not limited to trade secret or other confidential research, development,  
9 financial or other commercial information.

10           5.       In the event the producing party elects to produce materials for inspection, no marking  
11 need be made by the producing party in advance of the initial inspection. For purposes of the initial  
12 inspection, all materials produced will be considered as “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL  
13 ONLY,” and must be treated as such pursuant to the terms of this Order. Thereafter, upon selection of  
14 specified materials for copying by the inspecting party, the producing party must, within a reasonable  
15 time prior to producing those materials to the inspecting party, mark the copies of those materials that  
16 contain Confidential Information with the appropriate confidentiality marking.

17           6.       Whenever a deposition taken on behalf of any party involves a disclosure of  
18 Confidential Information of any party:

19           a.       the deposition or portions of the deposition must be designated as containing  
20 Confidential Information subject to the provisions of this Order; such designation must be  
21 made on the record whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as  
22 containing Confidential Information after transcription of the proceedings; A party will have  
23 until fourteen (14) days after receipt of the deposition transcript to inform the other party or  
24 parties to the action of the portions of the transcript to be designated “CONFIDENTIAL” or  
25 “CONFIDENTIAL – FOR COUNSEL ONLY.”

26           b.       the disclosing party will have the right to exclude from attendance at the deposition,  
27 during such time as the Confidential Information is to be disclosed, any person other than the  
28 deponent, counsel (including their staff and associates), the court reporter, and the person(s)

1 agreed upon pursuant to paragraph 8 below; and

2 c. the originals of the deposition transcripts and all copies of the deposition must bear the  
3 legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY," as appropriate,  
4 and the original or any copy ultimately presented to a court for filing must not be filed unless  
5 it can be accomplished under seal, identified as being subject to this Order, and protected from  
6 being opened except by order of this Court.

7 7. All Confidential Information designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL  
8 - FOR COUNSEL ONLY" must not be disclosed by the receiving party to anyone other than those  
9 persons designated within this order and must be handled in the manner set forth below and, in any  
10 event, must not be used for any purpose other than in connection with this litigation, unless and until  
11 such designation is removed either by agreement of the parties, or by order of the Court.

12 8. Information designated "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY" must be viewed  
13 only by counsel (as defined in paragraph 3) of the receiving party, and by independent experts under  
14 the conditions set forth in this Paragraph. The right of any independent expert to receive any  
15 Confidential Information will be subject to the advance approval of such expert by the producing party  
16 or by permission of the Court. The party seeking approval of an independent expert must provide the  
17 producing party with the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed independent expert, and an  
18 executed copy of the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, in advance of providing any Confidential  
19 Information of the producing party to the expert. Any objection by the producing party to an  
20 independent expert receiving Confidential Information must be made in writing within fourteen (14)  
21 days following receipt of the identification of the proposed expert. Confidential Information may be  
22 disclosed to an independent expert if the fourteen (14) day period has passed and no objection has  
23 been made. The approval of independent experts must not be unreasonably withheld.

24 9. Information designated "CONFIDENTIAL" must be viewed only by counsel (as  
25 defined in paragraph 3) of the receiving party, by independent experts (pursuant to the terms of  
26 paragraph 8), and by the additional individuals listed below, provided each such individual has read  
27 this Order in advance of disclosure and has agreed in writing to be bound by its terms:

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1 (a) Executives who are required to participate in policy decisions with reference to this  
2 action;

3 (b) Technical personnel of the parties with whom Counsel for the parties find it necessary  
4 to consult, in the discretion of such counsel, in preparation for trial of this action; and

5 (c) Stenographic and clerical employees associated with the individuals identified above.

6 10. With respect to material designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR  
7 COUNSEL ONLY," any person indicated on the face of the document to be its originator, author or a  
8 recipient of a copy of the document, may be shown the same.

9 11. All information which has been designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or  
10 "CONFIDENTIAL -FOR COUNSEL ONLY" by the producing or disclosing party, and any and all  
11 reproductions of that information, must be retained in the custody of the counsel for the receiving  
12 party identified in paragraph 3, except that independent experts authorized to view such information  
13 under the terms of this Order may retain custody of copies such as are necessary for their participation  
14 in this litigation.

15 12. Before any materials produced in discovery, answers to interrogatories, responses to  
16 requests for admissions, deposition transcripts, or other documents which are designated as  
17 Confidential Information are filed with the Court for any purpose, the party seeking to file such  
18 material must seek permission of the Court to file the material under seal.

19 13. No items will be filed under seal without a prior application to, and order from, the  
20 judge presiding over the hearing or trial. Only when the judge presiding over the hearing or trial  
21 permits filing an item or items under seal may confidential material filed with the Court be filed in a  
22 sealed envelope or other container marked on the outside with the caption of this action and the  
23 following statement:

24 "CONFIDENTIAL - - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER"

25 If any person fails to file protected documents or information under seal, any party to this lawsuit  
26 may request that the Court place the filing under seal.

27 Whenever the Court grants permission to file an item under seal, a duplicate disclosing all  
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1 nonconfidential information shall be filed and made part of the public document. The public  
2 document shall be titled to show that it corresponds to an item filed under seal, e.g., “Redacted  
3 Copy of Sealed Declaration of John Smith in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment.” The  
4 sealed and redacted documents shall be filed simultaneously.

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6 14. At any stage of these proceedings, any party may object to a designation of the  
7 materials as Confidential Information. The party objecting to confidentiality must notify, in writing,  
8 counsel for the designating party of the objected-to materials and the grounds for the objection. If the  
9 dispute is not resolved consensually between the parties within seven (7) days of receipt of such a  
10 notice of objections, the objecting party may move the Court for a ruling on the objection. The  
11 materials at issue must be treated as Confidential Information, as designated by the designating party,  
12 until the Court has ruled on the objection or the matter has been otherwise resolved.

13 15. All Confidential Information must be held in confidence by those inspecting or  
14 receiving it, and must be used only for purposes of this action. Counsel for each party, and each  
15 person receiving Confidential Information must take reasonable precautions to prevent the  
16 unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of such information. If Confidential Information is disclosed to  
17 any person other than a person authorized by this Order, the party responsible for the unauthorized  
18 disclosure must immediately bring all pertinent facts relating to the unauthorized disclosure to the  
19 attention of the other parties and, without prejudice to any rights and remedies of the other parties,  
20 make every effort to prevent further disclosure by the party and by the person(s) receiving the  
21 unauthorized disclosure.

22 16. No party will be responsible to another party for disclosure of Confidential Information  
23 under this Order if the information in question is not labeled or otherwise identified as such in  
24 accordance with this Order.

25 17. If a party, through inadvertence, produces any Confidential Information without  
26 labeling or marking or otherwise designating it as such in accordance with this Order, the designating  
27 party may give written notice to the receiving party that the document or thing produced is deemed  
28 Confidential Information, and that the document or thing produced should be treated as such in

1 accordance with that designation under this Order. The receiving party must treat the materials as  
2 confidential, once the designating party so notifies the receiving party. If the receiving party has  
3 disclosed the materials before receiving the designation, the receiving party must notify the  
4 designating party in writing of each such disclosure. Counsel for the parties will agree on a mutually  
5 acceptable manner of labeling or marking the inadvertently produced materials as “CONFIDENTIAL”  
6 or “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.”

7 18. Nothing within this order will prejudice the right of any party to object to the  
8 production of any discovery material on the grounds that the material is protected as privileged or as  
9 attorney work product.

10 19. Nothing in this Order will bar counsel from rendering advice to their clients with  
11 respect to this litigation and, in the course thereof, relying upon any information designated as  
12 Confidential Information, provided that the contents of the information must not be disclosed.

13 20. This Order will be without prejudice to the right of any party to oppose production of  
14 any information for lack of relevance or any other ground other than the mere presence of  
15 Confidential Information. The existence of this Order must not be used by either party as a basis for  
16 discovery that is otherwise improper under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

17 21. Nothing within this order will be construed to prevent disclosure of Confidential  
18 Information if such disclosure is required by law or by order of the Court.

19 22. Upon final termination of this action, including any and all appeals, counsel for each  
20 party must, upon request of the producing party, return all Confidential Information to the party that  
21 produced the information, including any copies, excerpts, and summaries of that information, or must  
22 destroy same at the option of the receiving party, and must purge all such information from all  
23 machine-readable media on which it resides. Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel for each party  
24 may retain all pleadings, briefs, memoranda, motions, and other documents filed with the Court that  
25 refer to or incorporate Confidential Information, and will continue to be bound by this Order with  
26 respect to all such retained information. Further, attorney work product materials that contain  
27 Confidential Information need not be destroyed, but, if they are not destroyed, the person in  
28 possession of the attorney work product will continue to be bound by this Order with respect to all

1 such retained information.

2 23. The restrictions and obligations set forth within this order will not apply to any  
3 information that: (a) the parties agree should not be designated Confidential Information; (b) the  
4 parties agree, or the Court rules, is already public knowledge; (c) the parties agree, or the Court rules,  
5 has become public knowledge other than as a result of disclosure by the receiving party, its  
6 employees, or its agents in violation of this Order; or (d) has come or will come into the receiving  
7 party's legitimate knowledge independently of the production by the designating party. Prior  
8 knowledge must be established by pre-production documentation.

9 24. The restrictions and obligations within this order will not be deemed to prohibit  
10 discussions of any Confidential Information with anyone if that person already has or obtains  
11 legitimate possession of that information.

12 25. Transmission by facsimile is acceptable for all notification purposes within this order.

13 26. This Order maybe modified by agreement of the parties, subject to approval by the  
14 Court.

15 27. The Court may modify the terms and conditions of this Order for good cause, or in the  
16 interest of justice, or on its own order at any time in these proceedings. The parties prefer that the  
17 Court provide them with notice of the Court's intent to modify the Order and the content of those  
18 modifications, prior to entry of such an order.

19 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of August, 2010

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22 Magistrate Judge, United States District Court  
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**EXHIBIT A**

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**AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare and say that:

1. I am employed as \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I have read the Protective Order entered in TOMAMEX TIJUANA, INC. v. CINTAS CORPORATION, et. al., and have received a copy of the Protective Order.

3. I promise that I will use any and all “Confidential” or “Confidential – For Counsel Only” information, as defined in the Protective Order, given to me only in a manner authorized by the Protective Order, and only to assist counsel in the litigation of this matter.

4. I promise that I will not disclose or discuss such “Confidential” or “Confidential – For Counsel Only” information, with anyone other than the persons described in paragraphs 3, 8 and 9 of the Protective Order.

1           5. I acknowledge that, by signing this agreement, I am subjecting myself to the  
2 jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California with respect to  
3 enforcement of the Protective Order.

4           6. I understand that any disclosure or use of “Confidential” or “Confidential – For  
5 Counsel Only” information in any manner contrary to the provisions of the Protective Order may  
6 subject me to sanctions for contempt of court.

7           I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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